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REPORT.

THE Managers of the Female Episcopal Prayer Book Society, in presenting their Annual Report, on this their Thirty-second Anniversary, must make the usual grateful acknowledgments to their friends and patrons, who, during all these years, have given them their liberal support, and encouraged by the retrospect, they hope not only for its continuance, but also for its increase, in proportion to the widely extended demands for the Prayer Book. Sometimes they cannot send more than half the number required, as they still adhere to the rigid rule of never incurring debt. Recently five hundred were asked for by one individual, and applications are continually made by clergymen in Pennsyl-

vania, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, North and South Carolina, and grateful letters of acknowledgment are constantly received, from which it would be well to make a few extracts. The principal of an Episcopal Female Seminary in Topeka, Kansas, says, after expressing his thanks for a donation of books, "I trust they will be of service in advancing the kingdom of Christ in this Western land." A lady from Penningtonville, Penna., writes: "The congregation increases with each service." A clergyman writes from Warren, Penna., after receiving a donation, "They are just what we need, and if you could have been present last Sunday and contrasted the responses and apparent interest of the congregation then, with those of a Sunday two weeks before, I am confident you would have been fully satisfied that your donation had been judiciously made." One officiating

among the freedmen at Oxford, N. C., says, "You would highly enjoy being present and witnessing the orderly deportment, the clear and distinct responses, and above all, the soul-stirring music. I have a choir of 10 or 12, who have the entire direction of the singing; I give them the Psalms and Hymns, and it would be no disparagement to cultivated choirs to compare the music of my colored one, in its deep pathetic power, with the best of them." The Rev. Mr. Stockton asks for twenty volumes of the largest size, suitable for aged persons, and expresses great thankfulness on the receipt of them. Thus it appears that the Book of Common Prayer is widely circulated by the Female Episcopal Prayer Book Society, and they desire fervently to be able to meet every application, as through its agency, under the Divine blessing, sinners may be brought

to confession and repentance, cold hearts warmed into gratitude for daily mercies, while it also comforts and soothes the sick and dying, awakens in the condemned a hope beyond the grave, cheers the captive in his lonely prison, and to those disposed to assemble round the family altar, supplies a form of prayer at once beautiful and comprehensive.

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